

## **BIOS of the SPEAKERS**

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Sonia Hamel is an independent consultant advising governments and foundations on climate, energy and transportation policy. She serves as a Senior Associate for the Center for Climate Strategies helping states in make decisions to tackle climate change. Sonia also serves as a consultant to the United Kingdom in the area of emissions trading and climate change.

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